

OUR WORK.

Der Bücherbund.—Will those who wish to become members apply to Leader, Miss Elsa d'Esterre Keeling, 41, Holland Road, Kensington, W.?

Fésole Club.—Apply to Leader, W. G. Collingwood, Esq., Lanehead, Coniston, Lancashire. Half-year recently begun; fee 10s. 6d.

Pussy Box.—Have our readers been good enough to support this kind effort to supply reading-lessons on the lines we advocate? 6d. Manager, Steam Press, Lewisham, Lee, Kent.

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The Parents' Review.—"We look to the *Parents' Review* month by month for inspiration, encouragement, and teaching." Such, in the words of one correspondent, is the kind tenour of many letters we receive. Will every subscriber who has ever profited by one thing written in the *Review* endeavour to spread the line of educational thought we take up by getting one more subscriber this year? It is a mistake to lend. The lender is always at a loss for back numbers for reference. Get people to take it in. Everyone can afford sixpence a month for stimulating thought on so vital a subject as the education of his (or other people's) children. We hear of the Magazine arriving after date. The remedy is, to get it direct from the publishers, seven shillings a year, including postage.

The Parents' Review School is always open to newcomers, but after Christmas will be a specially good time to begin. We are glad to hear from many parents and governesses that the children are "very happy in their work." This is what we hoped—that a little stimulus from without, the delightful sense of working with other (unseen) children, would relieve the home schoolroom of the tedium which is apt to settle down on it. Will our readers make the P.R.S. known in the holidays? That will be one way of spreading the *Parents' Review*.

The House of Education.—The *Manchester Guardian* remarks, in an interesting leader treating of new work for women, "At Ambleside a 'House of Education' is being opened, in which ladies may be trained as nurses. There is said to be a great opening just now for ladies able to take charge of children, and many educated women would find the occupation more congenial than that of teaching." This is quite true. Already we have applications for "Tante" when she is ready, "at whatever salary the 'House of Education' thinks it right to fix." We have secured capital quarters—boarding-house, lecture hall, and class-rooms. But the training is not for "Tante" only, but for ladies preparing to become governesses to older children, and last, but not least, for those whose "call" may be to become mothers or aunts. Apply to the Editor, Ambleside, for particulars.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Having taken in your valuable and helpful magazine for some time past, and done my best to bring up my dear little ones upon its principles, I must ask your advice upon points which have long been troubling me in their characters. My little girl P. (aged seven) is terribly greedy, and though I have done my best to correct this I continually find the cakes and jams tampered with. My little E., though not faulty in this respect, is (I am sorry to find, after reading the excellent article in the last number) extremely cruel to dumb animals, and delights in giving them pain. For instance, only yesterday I found him trying to cut off the tail of a little calf with a pair of garden shears, and when I explained the cruelty of such an act he merely laughed. Hoping you will advise me how to correct these faults and what punishments to inflict, I am, &c.,

F. P.

A question in this month's number asks for advice for a stammering child. Herr Emil Behnke, 18, Earl's Court Square, S.W., treats this subject scientifically. I enclose his little work on the subject.

M. C.

[We shall be happy to forward this invaluable little book to our correspondent if she will kindly send her address, which we have failed to keep. We should advise all our readers to possess themselves of this scientific and truly educational tractate, which, though it is headed "Stammering: its Nature and Treatment" (T. Fisher Unwin, London), throws great light on the general culture of the human voice.—ED.]

At the end of your last article on "Parents and Children," I felt so sorry that you could not go on with the answer to "How" at once, as it is just what I want to know, or at least to have fresh light upon—*How* to train my children in all the nobility of character possible to them. It is my great, my chief desire, and yet I do not seem to succeed as I want to.

I need say nothing of Edwin now. Harry is nearly seven years old, and I am so anxious to see him lose certain unlovely traits of character. He has a way of wanting to order the others about, and to be first himself, and have the best things, though I am constantly trying to show him in what true greatness consists, and that he who would be the first must be servant of all. He does try sometimes, I am sure he does, to battle with this "giant," yet it seems very slow work. And then little Fanny is inclined to be "touchy," and cry and sulk for little vexations. I fear she gets this from me. How often I feel, now I see certain things coming out in my children, that if I could live my life over again with this in view, what renewed effort I would make to overcome sins of character, rather than thus burden other lives with them! But at least I must do all I can now to help them, and I have been encouraged to write thus freely to you, as your articles from time to time have seemed to me so wise and forceful.

E. F. G.